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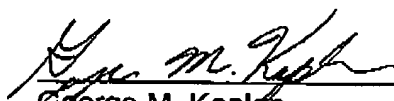
The claims in the application are 1-33 and Claims 34-40 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The status of Claims 13-18 and 22-33 have been identified as withdrawn, pursuant to the request in Box. 4.E. of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In this regard, it is respectfully pointed out several of these "withdrawn" claims have been amended by the present amendment, so the proper status identified should be "currently amended." However, to expedite prosecution, status identification of all claims 13-18 and 22-33 has been changed pursuant to the request in Box. 4.E. of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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